



# Women in Agriculture

## Purpose

The Women in Agriculture program strives to provide learning, leadership and advocacy focused on balancing farm, family and community as female operators employ increasingly substantial roles on the farm and in agribusiness.

Newly released 2012 USDA Ag Census data reports that 14 percent of the nation's farms have women serving as principal operators, steady when compared to 2007. Ohio has 8,702 female principal farm operators farming 656,763 total acres and contributing agricultural products with a market value of \$230,184.

## Impact

70 women and high school age young women interested or involved in food, agriculture, natural resources or small business attended the East Ohio Women in Agriculture Conference on March 28, 2014.

62 evaluations were completed. 94% of respondents indicated that they plan to use the information they learned during the program with 84% planning to take action on at least one item learned in the next month.

Women in Agriculture encourages the participation of young women to explore agricultural careers and support National 4-H Council and a Million Women Mentor's plans to mentor young women interested in STEM careers.



## Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved

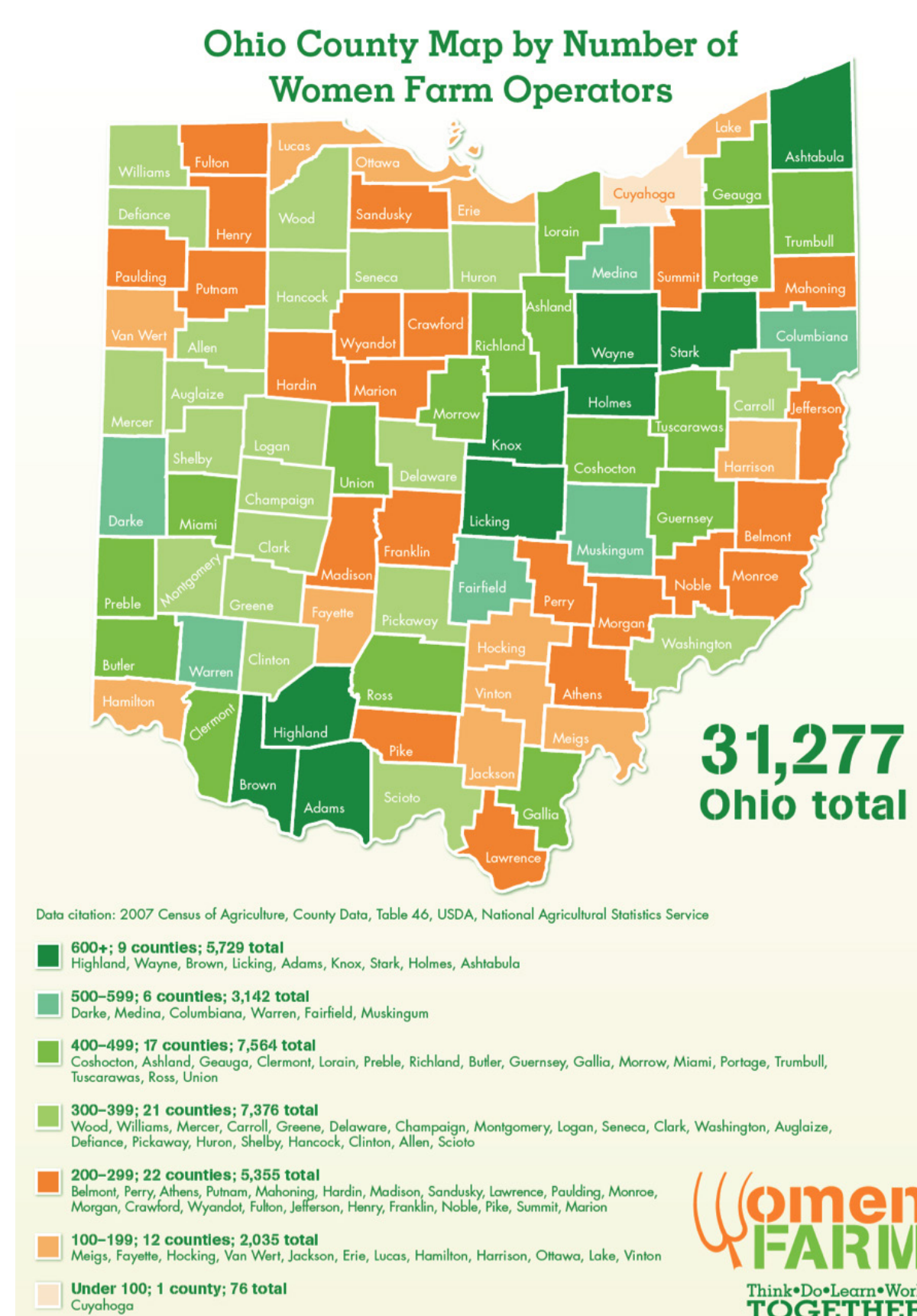
College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences  
OSU Extension  
Agriculture and Natural Resources (Program Area)  
Family and Consumer Sciences (Program Area)  
OSU Agricultural and Resource Law Program

## Community Partners Involved

Agland Cooperative, Inc.  
Carroll, Columbiana, Coshocton, Muskingum, Stark, and Tuscarawas County Farm Bureaus  
Farm Credit Services of Mid-America  
First National Bank of Wooster  
Kent State University-Tuscarawas  
Small Business Development Center  
Ohio Farm Bureau  
USDA Farm Service Agency  
Witmer's, Inc.  
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